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2014 Mayor's Listening Tour

Tour Dates:

Tuesday, September 9
Arizona College Prep. - Erie Campus
1150 W. Erie Street
7:00 p.m.



We have a busy fall planned for our community with plenty of events for you, your family and your neighbors to attend and enjoy.

On Tuesday, September 9, the Mayor's Listening Tour comes to Arizona College Prep – Erie Campus, located at 1150 W. Erie Street. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. If you have yet to attend, these meetings allow for an exchange of ideas and open dialogue on any issues you may be encountering in your neighborhoods.

On Saturday, October 25, the Mayor's Day of Play, presented by ShapeUpUS.org returns to Tumbleweed Park. The free event goes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features dozens of recreational activities, vendors and more. I hope to see you out there.

And on November 12, the popular Do-It-Yourself Connect returns – this year at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Do-It-Yourself Connect gives Chandler homeowners a chance to talk with City staff about resources, building permits, rebates and other vital information to be aware of when doing a new home project. The Wednesday event begins at 7 p.m. But come a little early as we will have some displays set up in the Center's foyer beginning at 6:30 p.m.

As I mentioned in the last issue, we will kick off our second annual Neighborhood Excellence Awards nomination process in the coming months. Please start thinking about your own neighborhoods and what you can include in your application this year!

We continue to keep a strong focus on our neighborhoods, and I appreciate your support. Remember to follow me on Twitter <http://twitter.com/jaytibshraeny> and visit the City's award-winning website www.chandleraz.gov for more news on the community.

Fall Neighborhood Events

Fall Neighborhood Academies

HOA Academy

This Academy is for residents living in a Homeowner Association (HOA) and want to learn more about HOA laws. You must register by September 5!

Classes will run every Tuesday
from September 16 - October 7
Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room A & B
175 S. Arizona Avenue
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit
www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

Traditional Neighborhood Academy

This Academy is for residents living in a non-HOA neighborhood and who want to make a difference in their neighborhood. You must register by October 3!

Workshops will run every Tuesday
from October 14 - November 4
Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room B
175 S. Arizona Avenue
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit
www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Fall Break Time

The fall Break Time magazine outlining all-ages recreation classes, youth camps and special events for September, October and November is available at City offices, libraries, recreation and aquatic centers and online.

For more information, call 480-782-2727 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime

C-Town Suitcase Club

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday, November 18

Chandler Museum

300 S. Chandler Village Dr

10 - 11 a.m.

Travel through time and explore everyday objects from the past! Events are designed for 3-5 year olds and are free of charge. For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/museum

Science Saturday

Saturday, October 11

Tumbleweed Ranch

2250 S. McQueen Rd

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join the Chandler Museum and explore science topics with family friendly, hands-on experiment at Tumbleweed Ranch. For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/museum

Code Enforcement on Common Tree Questions



A common question City staff receives from the public is who is responsible to maintain trees on private property. Often the tree related question centers on a tree branch that has grown across a common property line. Other times, questions are from one property owner who may simply be tired of cleaning up leaves that fall from his neighbor's trees into the pool. Sometimes the concerns are more serious, like a tree that has been damaged and now leans and presents a potential hazard. No matter the scenario, the following information should help you navigate through the most common tree questions.

Can I trim my neighbor's tree branches that overhang my wall? Trees growing across private property lines in and of themselves do not violate City Ordinances. The suggested approach would be to discuss the maintenance of the tree with your neighbor and decide who will trim and dispose of overhanging branches. Because this is not an ordinance issue, City staff cannot advise a party on whether they can or cannot trim a neighbor's tree. However, if the concern is serious it may be worth seeking private legal counsel.

My neighbor's tree leaves continue to fall into my pool. Isn't this litter? In most cases the leaves that fall from trees are a natural occurrence and only in extreme instances of excessive collections will leaves constitute a violation of code. The best

approach is to plan to maintain your property free of unwanted collections of leaves from your own trees and other neighborhood trees.

My neighbor's tree blew over in the storm and now partly rests on my property. Who is responsible to remove it? Generally, property owners are required to maintain properties free of litter, trash and debris. Fallen tree branches constitute debris and the Code requires owners to maintain properties free from debris. This scenario may also warrant private legal counsel.

My neighbor's tree branches/roots are damaging my property. What should I do? City Ordinances prohibit dry vegetation that may likely become a fire hazard or threaten health, safety and economic welfare of adjacent properties. An example of vegetation that might become a fire hazard includes branches that can come into contact with a fire source i.e. roof chimney, built in BBQs and fire pits. An overgrown tree might violate the City's Nuisance Ordinance if it presents a potential fire hazard. Otherwise, tree limbs and root systems that cause property damage are not addressed as violations under the City Code.

Often, an inspection is required to determine if a condition violates the City's Ordinances. So if you are unsure, contact the City's Code Enforcement Office at 480-782-4320 to request an inspection.

*Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood Preservation Manager*

Fall Landscape Workshops



Chandler's water conservation office has a full line-up of FREE classes for fall. Whether you want to grow your own tasty vegetables and herbs, looking for great information about installing and maintaining irrigation systems, want to save water indoors or need help pruning your plants, there is a class for you.

Take advantage of these timely workshops to get your landscape growing in our unique desert environment. Classes are taught by local experts and are free to Chandler utility customers, but you must register. For complete details and class descriptions including dates and times of workshops, visit the Water Conservation website at www.chandleraz.gov/water or call 480-782-3580. Space is limited!

*Cathy Rymer
Water Conservation Specialist*

NAC's Corner - G.A.I.N. Event



Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) is Arizona's version of National Night Out, a night where communities support anti-crime and drug prevention programs. G.A.I.N. strengthens

ties within the community, and is an opportunity for Chandler Police and Fire to show their appreciation. Residents can participate by having a block party in their neighborhood where officers and firefighters make scheduled visits and provide a variety of information and resources that are educational and fun for the entire family.

The G.A.I.N. Kickoff will take place on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Chandler Police Department – Main Station, 250 E.

Chicago St. The G.A.I.N. event will take place in various neighborhoods on Saturday, October 25 from 2:00 – 8:00 PM. This is an excellent time to get to know your neighbors by joining together for food, music, fun and games!

Neighborhoods hosting an event must have at least one representative from the neighborhood attend the G.A.I.N. Kick-off to secure resources for the block party. If you need assistance in starting a neighborhood block party, please call Neighborhood Programs at 480-782-4348. If you would like more information on G.A.I.N, visit www.chandlerpd.com/community.

*Bob Kampfe, Chair
Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)*

Backyard Composting Workshops



Chandler residents are invited to participate in backyard composting workshops being offered by the City's Solid Waste Division. Suitable for beginners as well as seasoned gardeners, the workshops will review a

variety of composting methods and home uses for home-grown compost.

Composting is nature's way of recycling and a great way to divert waste from the landfill and turn

it into a beneficial soil amendment. In composting, organic material such as leaves, grass clippings, pruning, and fruit and vegetable scraps are mixed together in a pile or bin, where millions of tiny microbes digest the material and turn it into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Workshops are free, but registration is required. For more information on dates, times and locations of workshops, call 480-782-3510. Space is limited!

*Traci Conaway
Recycling Specialist*

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

Garibaldi Night

Friday, October 3
AJ Chandler Park
3 S. Arizona Ave
6 - 10 p.m.

Mariachi and Folklorico entertainment, food and art vendors. Bring your own lawn chair!

For more information, visit
www.chandleraz.gov/hhm

Indian Art Market

Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12
AJ Chandler Park
3 S. Arizona Ave

Enjoy a weekend filled with entertainment, food and authentic Native American Art!

For event details and times, visit
www.chandleraz.gov/indianaz

Miss Indian Arizona

Saturday, October 11
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave
6:30 p.m.

This Scholarship Program showcases Native American Culture and tribes in Arizona and provides scholarships to young American Indian women to help them in their educational goals.

For more information, visit
www.chandleraz.gov/indianaz

15th Annual Mariachi Festival

Sunday, October 12
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave
5:00 p.m.

Featuring Mariachi Garibaldi and Las Colibri Mariachi. For more information, visit
www.chandleraz.gov/hhm

Volunteers Needed for Tax Season

Volunteers are needed for Chandler's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program as tax preparers, translators, screeners, greeters, and site coordinators. Volunteers will assist low- to moderate-income residents who cannot prepare their own state and federal income tax returns.

VITA continues to be an essential program for Chandler's low- and moderate-income residents to ensure they receive the maximum refund, with the goal of increasing their self-sufficiency and economic stability.

Persons interested in volunteering can complete an online application at www.chandleraz.gov/VITA or by calling 480-782-4358.



Special Events!

G.A.I.N. Kick-off & Registration

Saturday, September 27

Chandler Police Department - Main Station

250 E. Chicago St

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lottery Drawing will begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 480-782-4967

or visit

<http://chandlerpd.com/community>

G.A.I.N. Event

Saturday, October 25

2 - 8 p.m.

For more information, call 480-782-4967

or visit

<http://chandlerpd.com/community>

5th Annual Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off

Friday, November 7 - Sunday November 9

Tumbleweed Ranch

2250 S. McQueen Rd

Join us as authentic 1880s chuck wagons from the Southwest compete to cook up the best meals fit for the trail. This family friendly culinary event includes historical demonstrations, entertainment, campfire glows, vendor booths and more! For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/chuckwagon

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This time of the year is a busy one and we need you to be as vigilant as ever. The streets are full, the kids are back at school and vacations are over. As the year moves forward, we will only see more activity with fall sports in schools and at the parks. That means we will be receiving more calls for service and have more traffic to deal with. We ask that you are careful with traffic congestion and help us out by driving safely.

Also, we talked about burglaries in the last article and have sent a great deal of information out about it. "If I wanted to steal something from you could I. And, how easy would it be?" Take a moment and walk outside, look around and tell me what is available to take. If the car is in the driveway or the street, ask yourself "What is inside that if someone took would make you most angry?" Trust me, I'd rather not be telling you about this, but the reality is that we live in a world where people do commit

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crimes, and if you think of one thing after reading this it should be "I will not be a victim".

The last thing I want you to think about is inoperable cars and stored vehicles. The City of Chandler and the Chandler Police Department are trying to help neighborhoods be free of vehicles that are illegally stored on the streets. If you or your neighbors are storing boats, cars or RV's on the street and they are not actively being used, then now is the time to move them. We will educate, warn and can eventually tow them away. Please go to the City's website and look at the parking requirements now in place for the City. Any questions, call us and we will be happy to provide you with the appropriate information.

Please visit us at www.chandlerpd.com for more safety information and tips.

*Commander Gregg Jacquin
Chandler Police Commander*



Chandler CERT will conduct their next FEMA Basic Class in October. This is a free, 21-hour class, taught by certified Chandler Firefighters, with specific instruction in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue and Incident Command.

The October class will be a three-Saturday format, with Saturday, October 4 & 11, scheduled from 8:00

CERT

AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The final class includes a Simulated Drill, utilizing live "victims" and the skills you have learned. There will also be a formal graduation ceremony to present attendees with their National Certificate.

For registration information, contact
CERTAdmin@chandleraz.gov.

Receive free e-mail updates about current Chandler news and events! Register today at
<http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx>



Chandler City Council - Front Row from left: Councilmember Trinity Donovan, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Nora Ellen. Back row from left: Councilmember Jeff Weninger, Councilmember Jack Sellers, Councilmember Kevin Hartke and Vice Mayor Rick Heumann.

The Mayor & Council Office can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

